

The FCCBC CONNECTION

First Christian Community Baptist Church
4116 Groveland Avenue Baltimore, MD 21215
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We Are Family



Photos courtesy of Sis. Alexis Banks, Trustee Sharon Johnson, and Trustee Henry Smith

FCCBC Halloween alternative "Autumn Breeze" held 10/28/23. Story/photos on pages 14-15.

Service Times

Sunday School (in-person and teleconference) Sun. 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service Sun. 11:00 a.m.
Mid-Day Bible Study Tues. 1:00 p.m.
(teleconference/resumes 1/9/24)
Prayer & Praise Service Wed. 6:00 p.m.
(first Wednesday of each month/currently suspended)
Bible Study (teleconference/resumes 1/10/24) Wed. 7:00 p.m.
Youth/Young Adult Bible Study Thurs. 7:00 p.m.
(Skype/resumes 1/11/24)

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Church Directory

Pastor	Rev. Alphonso Tucker	410-466-5776 (home) 410-664-7443 (study)
Chairman of Deacon's Ministry	Deacon Lawrence Waller	410-281-9185 (home) 410-984-5268 (cell)
Church Clerk	Trus. Marilyn Dorsey	410-298-4892 /443-676-6261
Asst. Church Clerk	Sis. Kitty Owens	410-255-7713
Bus Driver	Trus. Everett Cash	443-850-5494

NOTE: The Courtesy Phone in the Lower Auditorium (410-367-9776) has been discontinued. Please call (410) 664-7443 to reach the church (Pastor's study).

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Fourteenth Pastoral Anniversary

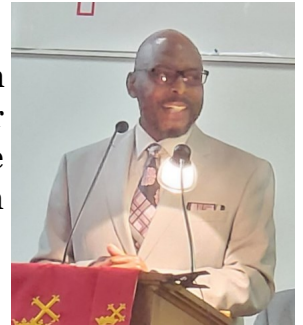
Pastor Tucker and Lady Bridgett Celebrate 14th Pastoral Anniversary

Thank God for sending us Rev. Dr. Alphonso Tucker and Lady Bridgett Tucker. We are grateful for this humble couple who have served the First Christian Community Baptist Church in a mighty way. These past fourteen years have been a rewarding and growing experience for our entire congregation and we look forward to the continuation of our journey. Thank God again for the planting of such a seed.



Pre-Anniversary Service

The celebration began with a pre-anniversary service on September 20th. Guest Minister Rev. Terry Thornton, Pastor of Sweet Hope Freewill Baptist Church, brought the message from the theme, "How Shall They Preach?" drawn from Romans 1:15-17 and Romans 10:14-15.



Pastor's Luncheon

On Saturday, September 30th, we met at Carson's Creekside Restaurant in Middle River and enjoyed a delicious lunch together. Crab Dip with pita bread, fruit and cheese, and a house salad were available as appetizers. Guests chose from shrimp scampi with linguini, chicken marsala with mushrooms, or roast beef with gravy served with steamed broccoli and mashed potatoes. A cake and various items were available for dessert. A wonderful time was had by all in attendance. We thank Carson's Creekside servers for their hospitality in hosting our group.

Chairman Waller served as master of ceremony. After we dined, guests were given an opportunity to publicly express their thoughts and feelings toward Pastor and his family. All shared their appreciation of Pastor and Lady Bridgett's leadership, resilience, work, and influence and commended family members for their service. Pastor closed the program with remarks.

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Fourteenth Pastoral Anniversary (continued)



Photos courtesy of Sis. Leslie Hyman and Trustee Sharon Johnson

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Fourteenth Pastoral Anniversary (continued)

Anniversary Celebration

On Sunday, October 1st, our formal anniversary celebration took place. Pastor Meldon Dickens of Isaiah Baptist Church was our guest preacher. He spoke from the theme "Build Back Better" drawn from Nehemiah 2:17-20. It was a joyful celebration!



Photos courtesy Trustee Henry Smith

Thanksgiving Day

“In everything give thanks. For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

(I Thessalonians 5:18)



Thanksgiving Day is a day officially set aside for giving thanks. It is an annual national holiday that celebrates all the bountiful blessings that God has bestowed upon us. President Abraham Lincoln was the first president to officially declare the festival as the last Thursday in November. The date was set in stone by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and approved by Congress in 1941. We, as Christians, know that giving thanks is an intricate part of our daily lives; it is not optional.

Nevertheless, we took time to officially celebrate in our new Community Outreach Center. Touted as an “hour of power,” the service lived up to its declaration. It was a spirit-filled service of thanksgiving, prayer, testimonies and songs. Our pastor, Rev. Dr. Alphonso Tucker, opened the service with a prayer of thanksgiving and a prayer of dedication for the new Center with a litany of affirmation by the congregation. A more formal dedication is to come at a later date.

Led by the diaconate ministry, with Deacon Waller officiating, we began our celebration. Scriptures of thanksgiving were read by Deaconess Murphy (Psalm 100 and 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18) followed with prayer by Deacon Bruce Flanigan. The devotional service was followed by personal and powerful testimonies, interspersed with songs of praise and thanksgiving by the congregation. Our choir closed us out with two uplifting songs and then we were led in a fervent, closing prayer by Rev. Delvon Houser.

Humbly Submitted by Deaconess Mary Murphy

Community Outreach Center Update

During the Thanksgiving Day Service, the Pastor and Deacons conducted a prayer of dedication for the Center. There will be a Grand Opening in the near future. The date will be announced.

We have purchased the materials for fence repairs. We are awaiting the proper temperature to install the replacement.

We also have created a ‘Space Inquiry’ form to be completed by any persons or organization that would like to rent the space for a program, fellowship, meeting, or event. Please see Lady Bridgett and/or Trustee Dorsey to obtain a copy.

Lastly, we would like to thank everyone that contributed toward expenses and the monthly mortgage. Please let us continue to give during the 2024 year and beyond.

Submitted by: Trustee Robert White

Service Updates

After many months of declining numbers, the U.S. is experiencing a COVID surge with cases and hospitalizations on the rise. Seasonal influenza and RSV are also increasing hospitalizations. Individuals are encouraged to receive COVID vaccines/boosters and follow precautions (frequent handwashing, wearing masks, avoiding crowded indoor spaces, and using hand sanitizer). Several local hospitals have reinstated their masking policies. Visit www.cdc.gov for recommendations for isolation and precautions for people with COVID.

CHURCH SERVICE UPDATE

Our 11:00 Sunday morning worship service remains as full indoor in-person worship. Selected afternoon/evening services have resumed. **Currently, face coverings are OPTIONAL and we have discontinued the taking of temperatures, recording of names, and providing masks. Hand sanitizer remains available. For contact tracing, please notify church staff if you test positive for COVID-19 or are quarantining due to close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19. If you are experiencing symptoms, please isolate yourself from others and get tested for COVID-19.**

Please stay tuned for changes and updates as conditions warrant. Trustee Dorsey will announce further updates via the One Call Now 'robocall' messaging service. Each member is encouraged to complete a paper or online Church Member Information Sheet (see page 7) to be added to the robocall roster, update your contact information, or provide your emergency contact's information.

Announcements and sermons continue to be streamed live beginning at approximately 11:30 a.m. via Facebook Live (<https://www.facebook.com/FirstChristianCommunityBaptistChurch/>). Services can be viewed at your leisure via Facebook Live or accessed via our website (<https://myfccbc.org/>).

Bible Studies will resume January 9-11, 2024. Adult Sunday School devotions begin at 9:15 a.m. followed by Sunday School from 9:30 -10:30 a.m. with continued access via audio conference call. Youth Sunday School is being held in-person and via FaceTime. Youth and Young Adult Bible Study is being conducted by Rev. Houser on Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. via SKYPE. Changes in modes of delivery will be announced.

Audio conference call access instructions are as follows:

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To check availability and schedule use of audio conference calls, ministry presidents must contact Trustee Dorsey.

Church Announcements

All requested church announcements must be submitted to Trustee Marilyn Dorsey by e-mail, text, or hand delivery the Wednesday of the week before being published. Thank you.

Contact/Information Updates

If you have not completed a paper or electronic Member Information Sheet or if your contact information has changed, please complete a sheet so that we can validate that we have everyone's correct contact, birthday, and anniversary information for mailings, sick/shut-in visits, One Call Now robocalls, and newsletter items. The form has been updated to collect everyone's emergency contact information in the event we need to reach them due to an emergency.

Youth information is being collected to help church ministries plan for scholarships, activities, and events.

Thank you in advance for updating your information.

First Christian Community Baptist Church Member Information Sheet

Please complete the Member Information Sheet to help us make sure we have accurate contact and personal information for you (please print) and turn in to Trustee Marilyn Dorsey or mail to FCCBC, P.O. Box 67407, Baltimore, MD 21215. One form per person please. Members with Google logins can submit their information electronically at <https://forms.gle/XtKJVzRZGgQVDneT9>.

Please contact Trustee Marilyn Dorsey or Sis. Kitty Owens with any changes.

Today's Date: _____

Name: _____ Gender: _____
Title First Name Middle Name Last Name Nickname

Spouse: _____ Wedding Date: _____
Title First Name Middle Name Last Name Nickname Month Date Year

Address: _____ Apartment _____

City State Zip: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ Cell Phone: (_____) _____
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E-mail Address: _____@_____. _____ Birthday: ____/____/____
Month Day Year

Emergency Contact Name and Telephone Number: _____

Ministries I currently serve: _____

Ministries in which I am interested: _____

Retired What is your current or former occupation or vocation (trade, profession, business)?

If student, name, city, state of school: _____

Current Education Level: Preschool Elementary Middle School High School Trade School College

Grade/year: _____ Major/Program: _____

Expected Degree _____ Graduation Date/Expected Graduation Date: _____

Plans following graduation _____

Comments _____

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Member Status: _____ Method of Joining: _____ Membership Date: _____
June 2023

Deacon's Ministry

To God be the Glory for the Great things He has done. “The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few, pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest, that He will send forth labourers into his harvest.” Matthew 9:37-38 (KJV).

When Christians answer the call to labor in God's field of harvest, they may be sent across the street, travel to another state, or across the ocean to witness to a different culture.

We the believers have been called and set apart to do this work. Knowing what the scripture says, “be strong and of a good courage; fear not, nor be afraid of them, for the Lord thy God is he that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee nor forsake thee. “ (Deuteronomy 31:6 KJV) I do thank God for strength that he provides for us daily as he feeds us and gives us what we need to continue spreading the gospel. We thank God for the time He has given us to participate in our Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Bible classes as we study to show ourselves approved and growing in God's word. Our last classes before the Holiday break were Nov 14th - Nov 16th and will resume in January 2024. The teachers — Deaconess Murphy (Tuesday), Pastor Tucker (Wednesday) and Rev. Houser (Thursday's Youth Ministry) were on point with each lesson, lots of class participation, and interest. I pray that we continue in the word until we meet again in the new year. As the season changes, I pray that your Thanksgiving holiday was happy and blessed and I also pray that your **Christ**-mas holiday is even more enjoyable.

The diaconate ministry has grown stronger with the addition of Dea. Bruce Flanigan who was set apart on July 28, 2023. He has been an integral part of our visitation from August until the present date. So far, we have visited Sis. Perlizer Davis, Bro. Willie & Sis. Mary Webb, Bro. Walter Jones, Sis. Nancy Pope, Bro. Curtis Allen (Chester, PA), Mother Campbell, Sis. Dale Flanigan (Kind David Nursing Home) and Sis. Sofie Tucker (Stella Maris Rehab Center). If I missed anyone, please charge it to my head and not my heart. The diaconate ministry is always on the move. On our last visit with Trustee Rudolph Cole, he was very happy to see us and as always enjoyed the communication and our visit. Trustee Cole was called from labor to reward on August 21st, 2023.

Our wonderful Pastor celebrated his fourteenth Pastoral Anniversary on September 30, 2023, at Carson Creek Restaurant located at 1110 Beech Dr., Middle River, MD. We had so much fun and really enjoyed everyone's participation. All of my food was delicious, and I pray yours was too 🍷. I am sure Pastor enjoyed and appreciated the fellowship with his FCCBC extended family. On Sunday, October 1st, the preacher for the occasion was Pastor Meldon Dickens of *Isaiah Baptist Church* in Monkton, MD. He told us to preach with passion, purpose, and power. He then told us to continue with the plan and build back better. (Nehemiah 2)

On Friday, October 20th, the Baptist Deacons Conference of Baltimore and Vicinity celebrated our 85th year of service with a banquet at Martins West, 6817 Dogwood Rd, Baltimore, MD. The guest preacher for the occasion was Dr. Franklin Lance, pastor of *Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church*. It was a very, very spirit-filled evening of fellowship, food, music, and preaching. “Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity” (Psalm 133:1). We had a glorious time in the Lord. Due to the past COVID restriction, it's been a while since we were able to really be together and fellowship in this way. God saw fit for this to happen in 2023. Pastor Lance had multiple messages: 1. "Let the church be the church", 2. "The church should never lose its purpose", 3. "We are the church" and lastly 4. "You have a calling and a concrete foundation." (2 Timothy 2:14-15).

Deacon's Ministry (continued)

God is good and worthy to be praised, God has blessed our church with new members in October and November. We're so very excited and we know that God is true to His word. "Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." (Acts 2:47 KJV)

Please continue to pray for our diaconate ministry and the church that we may continue in this work of evangelism. Pray much for Pastor Tucker and his entire family as they are in the valley and will require our support.

Lastly, I say, as always please pray for and watch over one another. Check in on the sick and shut-in. Call/text those who might need an encouraging word or two over the Holiday season. Many have lost loved ones, and this will be their very first holiday without them. It never gets easy, but somehow you might be able to make it bearable.

Continue to be vigilant about your surroundings. Stay off your electronic devices while walking to and from your cars and make sure you secure your packages out of the view of others in your vehicles.

If you need us, we are only a phone call away. Why you say?.... because "WE ARE FAMILY"!!

Humbly Submitted,
Dea. Lawrence Waller
Chairman

Deaconess Ministry Corner

September's Outreach

"A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."

(Proverbs 11:25)

We greet you in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. What a wonderful feeling to be able to serve those who are in need; it is not burdensome. As the proverb indicates, givers will increase so that they can give *more*. Those who take care of others will be taken care of (2 *Corinthians* 9:6-10). We reap what we sow (*Galatians* 6:7).

On our last mission we were able to, with the help of our church family, distribute bags of food, water and clothing to the needy. We thank all who contributed to this effort in any way. If you don't like to shop or you don't have the time, we accept donations and will do it for you. We also would like to thank those who tarried with us to our destination. Last but not least, we thank our very capable bus driver, Trustee Everett Cash who ferried us on our mission and our roving photographer, Sis. Audrey Highsmith.

Winter time is upon us and we beseech you dear brothers and sisters to contribute clothing items to combat the cold; new or gently worn coats, hats, scarves, gloves and socks. In addition, we are accepting toiletries and easily opened and ready-to-eat food items (see list on page 10). Our next outreach is scheduled for Saturday, December 15th at noon.

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Deaconess Ministry (continued)

September's Outreach (continued)

Don't stop giving family, because there is a great need out there. You will truly be a blessing and you will be blessed.

Photos courtesy Sis. Audrey Highsmith

The Deaconesses



Please consider picking up an item or two from the list below the next time you make a trip to the store. The homeless in need are extremely appreciative of your generosity. Thank you!

Open Lids/Easily Opened Items/Non-cooking items

Fruit Items: Fruit cups, Applesauce, Plastic fruit cup—any flavor, Plastic mini-jars of fruit, Fruit Squeeze products

Meats: Tuna fish/chicken, sausage (All Ready to Eat): Tuna Fish—Tear Notch pull open pouches, Tuna fish cans, Tuna fish ready lunch boxes with crackers/spoon, Kipper (fish), Sardines (several flavors)

Underwood Products: Chicken spreads, Ham spreads

Libby's Products: Vienna Sausage, Chicken Vienna, Corned Beef, Potted meat, Spam, Beef Jerky

Boxed Products/Bagged Products: Raisins (4 or 6 packs), Cookies (all kinds), Pop Tarts, Cereal Bars, General Mills (8 pouches of breakfast cereals), General cereal breakfast cups, Mixed peanuts, peanuts, Sunflower seeds

Crackers/Chips: chips (individual packs), pretzels, Ritz (fresh snacks individually wrapped), Easy Cheese spreads (needs no refrigeration), graham crackers, peanut butter and jelly (small plastic bottles), donuts/muffins

Hydration: bottled water, to-go single drink packages (Crystal Light), green tea drinks



Hygiene Products

Wet Wipes, tissues, hand sanitizer, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, brushes, First Aid kit to go (12 items), alcohol wipes, soap, hand lotion, Ziplock sandwich bags with four plastic forks/spoons/knives, powder (travel size)



Clothes

Shoe insoles, socks, gloves/caps/scarves, coats/jackets

Don't Throw it Away...
USED CLOTHING DRIVE

Deaconess Ministry (continued)

Veteran's Day

Veterans Day is a legal holiday that is observed annually on November 11th. The day is set aside to honor our military veterans who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Each year we acknowledge the sacrifices that those brave men and women made to preserve our freedom. In 1918 on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, an armistice or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the allied nations and Germany in World War I, then known as the Great War. Commemorated in many countries as Armistice Day the following year, November 11th became a federal holiday in the United States in 1938. In 1954, the name was changed from Armistice Day to Veterans Day to honor the veterans of every war.

At First Christian Community Baptist, we honored our veterans on Sunday, November 5, 2023. Our heroes and she-ro are: Deacon Keith Owens, Sr., Deacon Lawrence Waller, Sis. Nikki Waller Hamilton, Bro. James Johnson, Bro. Walter Jones, Trustee Everett Cash, Bro. Tyrone Moore, Bro. Earl Edwards, and Bro. Michael Seay. We are proud and honored that they served our country and are members of our church. The leader and congregation read a Litany For Veterans Day. A small gift of our appreciation was given to each of them. We also honored our deceased veterans with a moment of silence.

Let us continue to remember the service of our veterans and their families who have sacrificed so much so that we can live free. May God continue to bless them and may God bless America.

The Deaconesses



The Sunday School Ministry

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6 NKJV)

The Christmas season is upon us and most of us are gearing up for this most important holiday. We celebrate the birth of Jesus on this day. The Bible tells us of His birth hundreds of years before, fulfilling prophecies. Christmas is a time of reflection on the important foundations of the Christian faith. It is a celebration of God’s love for the world through His birth. *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”* (John 3:16 KJV)

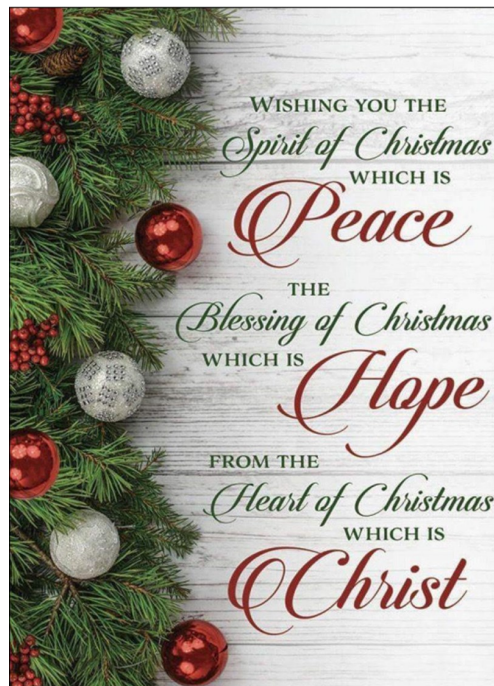
Although gifts, food and festivities are great ways to celebrate Christmas, let us remember what Christmas should truly be about. Let us remember, as we exchange gifts, that God sent his most precious gift, His Son, to pay for the sins of the world. Let us remember that our Lord gave up His heavenly home to come and dwell among us in this dark and fallen world (John 1:14) and let us remember what He eventually gave up to secure our salvation (Romans 5:8).

To reiterate, for Christians, the true meaning of Christmas is the celebration of the Savior, Jesus Christ. For we know that through our belief in Christ, we are sons and daughters of God and one day heaven will be our home. What an awesome thought when we reflect on the wonder and true meaning of Christmas.

**ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS
PROGRAM**

On Sunday, December 24th , at 9:30 a.m., we will again tell the story of this most extraordinary event. We hope you will be there for our program and each Sunday thereafter for Sunday School.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from our Sunday School staff: Deacon Lawrence Waller, superintendent; Deaconess Mary Murphy, Assistant Superintendent; Sis. Leslie Hyman, Secretary; Sis. Mary Jones, Assistant Secretary.



Missionary Ministry

The Missionaries had their Women's Fellowship on December 2, 2023, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. We viewed a video sermon by Sarah Jakes Roberts, the daughter of T.D. Jakes and co-Pastor of The Potter's House. The sermon was entitled "Don't Miss The Moment." All were inspired by the way that God used her to deliver His Word.

Each attendee received a gift and a biblical tract entitled, "Suppose It Is True After All?" For all of those who don't accept that the God of the Bible is the real thing, this really puts everything in perspective.

We had several drawings and seven ladies won prizes. We held the raffle drawing for the large gift basket. The winner of the raffle was Sis. Elvira Smith.

Fun!

Fellowship!



Prizes!

Refreshments!

Refreshments were served and a good time was had by all who took the time to attend on a busy Saturday.

Submitted by Sis. Carolyn Clark

Support Our Newsletter

The *FCCBC Connection* continues as a triannual publication. The newsletter purpose is to share news and to keep our members and friends informed of church services, fellowships, programs, and projects, plans, as well as information of interest (thank you notes/cards, prayer requests, testimonies, birthdays, awards, retirements, anniversaries, engagements, weddings, births, etc....). Help us share YOUR good news!

Our goal is to distribute newsletters each April, August, and December. **Tentative deadlines to submit articles, photos, and announcements will be 3/10/24, 7/14/24, and 11/10/24.**

All ministries are asked to designate a newsletter representative and to alert the Newsletter ministry of contact changes. Ministry representatives and members are asked to email photos, articles, announcements, information and suggestions to newsletter@myfccbc.org or submit to Trustee Sharon Johnson by the deadline.

Thanks to all for supporting our newsletter ministry! The ministry mourns the passing of faithful member Sis. Bridgete "Sofie" Tucker.

Trustee Sharon Johnson, Editor and President, Newsletter Ministry

NOTE: It is the ministry's responsibility to arrange for photography services. Please reach out to Trustee Henry Smith at least two weeks before the event date.

The Education Ministry

Back To School Giveaway

The Education Ministry sponsored a Back To School Giveaway on August 20, 2023. Pre-K through undergraduate college members, member's children, grandchildren, family members and friends received backpacks containing supplies. Pre-registration was required. Over 40 backpacks were distributed.



Autumn Breeze

FCCBC youth and the Education ministry jointly sponsored FCCBC's Halloween alternative, "Autumn Breeze," on October 28, 2023. Autumn Breeze 2023 was a huge success. The weather was beautiful and the children (and adults!) seemed to have a marvelous time.

There was plenty of food, music, games, and prizes. Candy apples, popcorn, hot dogs, cotton candy, and lemonade were deliciously served to all who came out. The excitement was really in the air when the children played on the Moon Bounces and received bags of candy.

In addition, the children were dressed in creative Fall costumes.

The Educational Ministry would like to thank all of the parents who took the time to bring their children to Autumn Breeze. A very special thank you to everyone who helped out and to the Culinary ministry. Everyone's presence and participation made Autumn Breeze an evening of "Pumpkins and Spice and Everything Nice."

Respectfully submitted by: Sis. Zenobia McLaughlin



The Education Ministry (continued)

Autumn Breeze (continued)



Collage courtesy of Sis. Alexis Banks

Photos courtesy of Sis. Alexis Banks, Trustees Sharon Johnson, and Henry Smith



Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Spotlight On Our FCCBC Youth

So often our youth are making strides and shining bright outside of FCCBC 🙌. Let's give a BIG KUDOS for their hard-earned accomplishments. I would like to show them off because they deserve it.

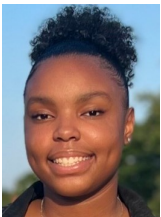
KUDOS this quarter to **Steven Jones** as he worked hard both at home and in his extracurricular activities. Steven is a Junior at Western School of Technology and Environmental Science where his major is Sports Science. Steven is captain of his football team. This season, he was the all-county outside linebacker with a GPA of 3.9. Steven loves music and gaming and is the youngest of three with two older sisters who always look out for one another (he's the big little brother 😊). Steven serves on the FCCBC Youth Usher Board and is always willing to help whenever asked.

Congratulations **Steven** for being our FCCBC Youth Spotlight of the quarter.

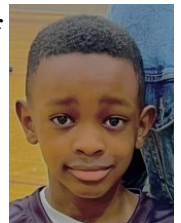


Humbly submitted,
Sis. Nikki G. Hamilton
Youth Leader

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Braniya and Desmond Watson, grandchildren of Sis. Zenobia McLaughlin. Braniya is a tenth grade honor roll student. Desmond is a fifth grader. He received an award for Perfect Attendance, Honor Roll, and also received the "Kindness Award." Way to go!!!



Youth Sunday School

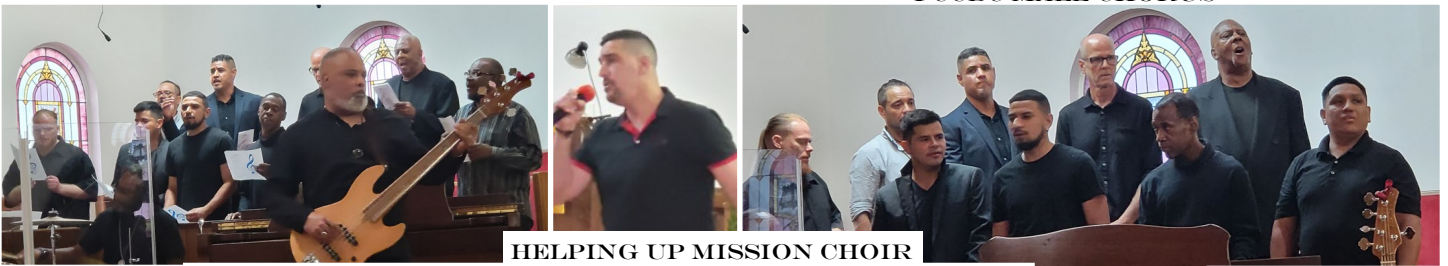
Holiday greetings from the Youth Sunday School. As we are approaching the end of 2023, Sister Jackie and I would like to thank our students for their participation throughout the year. We want to continue to encourage our youth and young adults to attend Sunday School in person or by way of FaceTime. It is always our goal to teach our students so that they not only learn God's Word, but can apply His Word to their lives. We solicit your prayers for our students along with the youth everywhere. Sunday School is the foundation of learning about God and who He is, so we call our youth and young adults to be rooted in his Word through prayer, studying, and showing others the Christ in them.

Lovingly submitted,
Sis. Angela Ray



Men In Black Fellowship

We hope that you enjoyed the Men In Black 'Flashback' photos in our August newsletter. Below are photos from our 2023 program held on August 4, 2023.



Photos courtesy of Trustee Sharon Johnson & Trustee Henry Smith

Crab Feast

The Men's Ministry Crab Feast, held on August 26, 2023, was a huge success. We had almost a capacity crowd. The food was extremely delightful and the crabs were the 'bomb.' It was a blessed time of fellowship for all that attended.

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Men's Ministry (continued)

Crab Feast (continued)



Photos courtesy of
Rev. Delvon Houser and
Trustee Everett Cash

Men's Day Celebration Service

Our Men's Day Service, held on November 5th, was outstanding! The spirit of the Lord was present and all of God's people were excited and filled with praise. The Men's Day Choir set the tone with their marvelous voices. Rev. Delvon Houser stirred the spirit up with a heartfelt prayer. Our guest preacher, Rev. Lionel Snowden, Associate Minister at Mt. Zion Hill Baptist Church, preached an excellent message. His sermon theme was "Hope In God," coming from our scripture theme of Romans 15:13 "Men Filled With Joy, Peace and Hope Through the Power of the Holy Spirit." It was a great day of celebration for all of us.

I am extremely proud of the all the men that gave of their time and talents to support all the events throughout the year. May God Continue to bless the Men's ministry as we move forward in fellowship, love and kingdom building.



Bro. Ronald McKeever and Bro. Leroy Smith will serve as Chairman and Co-Chairman, respectively, for the upcoming year.

Cheerfully submitted,

Rev. Harvey Moore, Chairman Men's Ministry

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Usher Ministry News

Combined Ushers Celebrate Service Anniversary

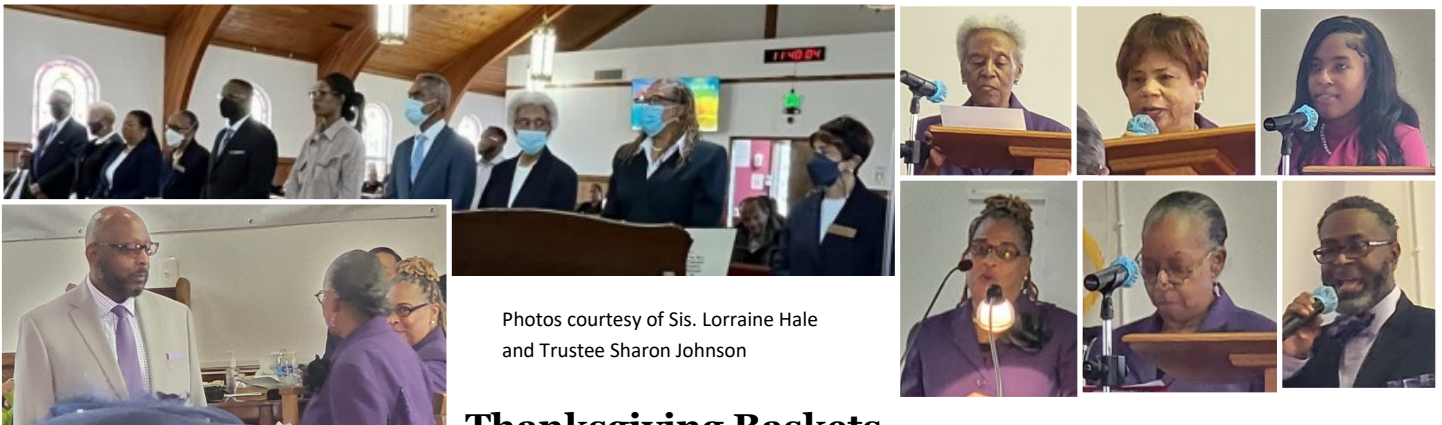
On November 12, 2023, the Combined Usher Board celebrated seventy-one years for the Senior Ushers and seventy-five years for the Youth Ushers. Our anniversary celebration was held during morning worship service. Our theme was "An Usher – A Humble Servant of God." The scripture to support our theme – Romans 12:10-12, "Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. Never be lazy in your work, but serve the Lord enthusiastically. Be glad for all God is planning for you. Be patient in trouble, and always be prayerful" (From The Book).

Sister Shirlene Farrare served as worship leader. Brother Keefe Flanigan welcomed everyone. Sis. Mary Jones led the responsive reading. Sis. Betty Jackson delivered a beautiful prayer. Sis. Beverly Ward presented the history of the combined Usher Board. A silent prayer was offered up to the ushers who have passed away and who served so faithfully for many years.

Presentations were made to Pastor Tucker and to our President, Brother Tyrone Moore. The Usher Board continues to serve the church, the community, and continue to be a blessing to our members and anyone who enters the church for all services. The usher's are an extension of the Pastor's hand providing the first impression of the church body and ministry of the Pastor.

Reverend Harvey Moore, blessed us with the morning sermon -"Who's Standing At The Door."

NOTE from the Usher Board President: Since the ushers are few in number, I am asking that ALL ushers (including the youth ushers) be available to usher on all Sundays. I wish to thank the ushers for their service.



Photos courtesy of Sis. Lorraine Hale and Trustee Sharon Johnson

Thanksgiving Baskets

Thanksgiving is a day to thank the Lord for the blessings He has given throughout the year. Each year, our goal is to provide families in need with a traditional meal of frozen turkey and fixings—all of the items needed for a fulfilling Thanksgiving meal.

In partnership with FCCBC, Las Amigas Baltimore Chapter, Incorporated, provided Thanksgiving meals for members of the community. This outreach allowed Las Amigas to fulfill a part of their creed which states, "...we can greatly enhance the society in which we live by availing ourselves of the opportunities to know and serve others; ...and the fulfillment of our responsibilities in making the world a better place to live." The 'fixings' were purchased by the church and gathered by the Culinary ministry. Ushers Trustee Shirley Carter, Sis. Shirlene Farrare, Sis. Diane Habebullah, Bro. Keefe Flanigan, Bro. Tyrone Moore) and Trustee Yolanda Cash packed the baskets for distribution.

We wish to thank everyone who made donations, helped pack and deliver baskets, and made it possible to provide ten families with food for Thanksgiving.



Photo courtesy of Bro. Tyrone Moore

Finance Ministry Updates

Let Us Worship the Lord Through Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

50 BIBLE VERSES
on
TITHING

1 Corinthians 13:3	Hebrews 7:4
1 Corinthians 16:2	Hebrews 7:5
1 Timothy 5:8	James 1:27
1 Timothy 6:10	Job 41:11
2 Corinthians 8:12	John 3:16
2 Corinthians 8:9	Leviticus 27:30
2 Corinthians 9:11	Leviticus 27:32
2 Corinthians 9:7	Luke 11:42
Acts 20:35	Luke 12:33
Amos 4:4	Luke 12:48
Colossians 2:14	Luke 18:12
Deuteronomy 14:2	Luke 6:38
Deuteronomy 14:22	Malachi 3:10
Deuteronomy 16:17	Malachi 3:8
Deuteronomy 26:12	Matthew 19:21
Deuteronomy 8:18	Matthew 23:23
Exodus 19:5	Matthew 6:21
Exodus 25:2	Nehemiah 10:38
Galatians 2:10	Numbers 18:21
Galatians 3:10	Numbers 18:26
Galatians 5:18	Proverbs 28:27
Genesis 14:20	Proverbs 3:9
Genesis 28:22	Psalms 24:1
Haggai 2:8	Romans 12:1
Hebrews 6:10	Romans 13:7

 Connect Us 

Please continue to support “**Plate Offerings**” for the ministries listed below:

1st Sunday: Missionary Ministry

2nd Sunday : Floral Ministry

3rd Sunday : Education Ministry

4th Sunday : Pastor’s Aide Ministry

5th Sunday: Missionary or Education ministry—to be announced during offering by the trustee.

Every Sunday : Sunday School

If you are using a church envelope, make certain that you annotate your name, the ministry’s name, and the amount you are giving that ministry from the row that says “**OTHER.**”

An on-line service tool, “**Givelify**, is available for electronic tithes and offering. Visit <https://www.givelify.com/donors/> and enter FCCBC or download the mobile giving app from your App store. If you are using the on-line service tool, “**Givelify**,” use the Givelify column that says other and annotate the ministry name and amount you are giving that ministry. **NOTE: Please do not include Givelify amounts on your offering envelope.**

You may also mail tithes and offerings to FCCBC, P.O. Box 67407, Baltimore, MD 21215.

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with my eye “ (Psalm 32:8)

We are still seeking members and dedicated Christian friends to support the Community Outreach Center by signing up for either a one-time pledge or a committed recurring pledge. Please see any Finance Ministry Trustee for a sign-up pledge sheet or complete and return the pledge form on page 21 to a Finance Ministry Trustee.

New Ministry Deposit Form

In an effort to keep accurate financial records for payments for ministry sponsored ticketed events (trips, fellowships, activities, workshops, etc.), the Finance Ministry is implementing a new “Ministry Deposit” form (see page 22). Designated members or representatives collecting money or donations are to issue receipts to each person making a payment, complete, and submit a completed Ministry Deposit form to the Finance trustees with each deposit. The trustees will issue receipts to the ministry Financial Secretary or designated ministry member/representative for their records.

Financial Statements

We thank you for your support of this branch of Zion. Financial statements and tax forms for January 1–December 31, 2023 will be available for pick-up in the Finance Office by January 31, 2024. The distribution date will be announced during morning worship service.

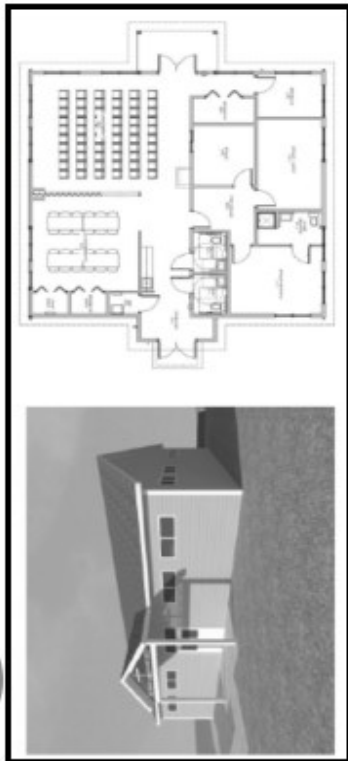
Submitted by: Finance Ministry

FCCBC's Outreach Center Financial Pledges

Please complete and return the pledge form to a Finance Ministry Trustee.

RETURN THIS PORTION TO APPROPRIATE TRUSTEE

First Christian Community Baptist Church
Outreach Center
Financial Pledge



You're Making a Difference

By pledging to become a financial supporter for the "FCCBC Outreach Center", your generosity will significantly support the daily operations and monthly financial obligations that will help sustain this great work God has called us to do in spreading the Gospel.

Future Use of Center:

- Administrative Offices
- Community Resources
- Vacation Bible School

*Pledge Campaign Approved by Rev. Dr. Alphonso Tucker, Pastor &
Project Planning Committee - 4116 Groveland Ave.,
Baltimore, MD 21215 - www.myfccbc.org (410) 664-7443*

"We Are Family"

Print Last Name of Pledger _____ First Name _____
Email Address OR Mailing Address _____ Best Contact Number _____

Pledge Amount _____
 \$100 \$200 \$300 Other: _____

Period of Pledge _____
 One Time Pledge Three Months Six Months
 Nine Months 1 Year Monthly
(Duration of Ten-Year Loan)

Other
 Specified Period of time: _____

Start Date: _____ (mm/dd/yyyy)
End Date: _____ (mm/dd/yyyy)

Total Amount of Pledge: _____

Form of Payment:
 Check: Make payable to FCCBC (Note) Pledge Fund
 Cash: Place in designated envelope
 Electronic: <https://www.givelify.com>
(Note) Pledge Fund Please **DON'T** acknowledge me publicly

Date Received: _____
 Trustee Initials: _____

New Ministry Deposit Form

Please complete and return to a Finance Ministry Trustee for ministry accepted deposits.

First Christian Community Baptist Church
 4116 Groveland Avenue
 Baltimore, MD 21215

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MINISTRY DEPOSIT FORM

Ministry representatives are requested to turn in a completed Ministry Deposit form to the Finance Room for all monies collected for FCCBC trips, activities, workshops, etc...

Date Turned In: _____ Submitted By: _____

Ministry Name: _____

Reason for Deposit: _____

Received Date	Paid by (Name/Organization)	Total Amount	Coins/Currency Amount	Check/Money Order Amount	Check/Money Order Number	Comment
TOTAL CARRIED OVER FROM ADDITIONAL PAGE(S)						
TOTALS						

I certify that I collected and am submitting \$_____ for deposit. Signature _____

For Finance Office use only

RECEIVED BY: _____

COUNTED BY: _____ WITNESSED BY: _____

TOTAL DEPOSIT: _____ RECEIPT NUMBER: _____

DEPOSIT DATE: _____ DEPOSITED TO: _____

7/1/2013 (previous edition obsolete)

Member Submission

Pause a Moment

There is no special time for prayer,
One can pray 'most anywhere,
When things aren't going quite your way --
Pause a moment, just to pray...

If everything seems to bother you
And nag at you the whole day through,
To dispel those awful clouds of gray --
Pause a moment, just to pray...

If there is no hope in sight,
You see the tunnel but not the light,
do not wander, do not stray --
Pause a moment, just to pray...

When all your efforts seem in vain,
You struggle hard but see no gain,
Do one thing without delay --
Pause a moment, just to pray...

When you feel there is no hope,
When with life you cannot cope,
God will help along the way --
Pause a moment, just to pray...

By Joseph Ferrara

Submitted by Trustee Gwen Franklin



FCCBC Culinary Ministry

Considering becoming a
"FCCBC Culinary
Ministry Member"?

Frequently asked questions:

*Isn't "Culinary" only for females?

"No, the FCCBC Culinary Ministry is open to both male & female".

*Is experience required?

"Experience is not required, However, culinary requires tasks to be completed. We ask that you are physically able, dependable and a team player."

*How often will I be needed?

"For every scheduled event, we ask each Culinary Member's availability and plan accordingly. The only schedule expectation is that each member is an active member; not just a member on paper."

*Do I need to know how to cook?

"No you don't need to know how to cook. There are many other tasks that have to be performed, i.e., {Packaging, setting tables, portioning food, greeting guest, washing dishes, etc.}"

*What do the Culinary Ministry do?

"The Culinary Ministry supports every ministry within the church as it relates to food involvement. We purchase, prep, cook, and serve food to the congregation and the community through different initiatives while maintaining & operating our commercial licensed kitchen".

*Will I be trained?

"Yes, this is an ongoing endeavor, i.e., proper cleaning of dishes & food surfaces, food cooking & holding temperatures, food handling & storage, etc. ".

*Is it only cooking?

"No, it isn't just cooking, though the majority the tasks are based on food handling and food distribution.

*Do I have to attend meetings?

"The Culinary Ministry meets face-to-face on a quarterly basis and connect via conference call in preparation for each event.

Ministry Mission:

... "Let on one seek his own good, but that of his neighbor" ...

1 Corinthians 10:24

FCCBC Wishes Comfort and Peace

Mourning Doves Bereavement Ministry of First Christian Community Baptist

Humbly, the Mourning Doves and the entire FCCBC family mourns the transition of your loved one. Words fail to express the deep sorrow we feel for your loss. We share

Isaiah 54:10 NIV

"Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you."

Please continue to pray for:

The Brunt family on the passing of Del Rick Holley

The Cole, Carter, and Owens families on the transition of Trustee Rudolph Cole

The Waller and Hamilton families on the passing of Margaret Waller-Robinson

The Jennings and Ervin families on the passing of Robert Jennings, III

The Watson family on the passing of Nolan Davis

The Seay family on the passing of Linda Davis

The Tucker, Banks, Randall families, and FCCBC congregation on the transition of Sis. Bridgete "Sofie" Tucker

The Cole, Carter, and Owens families on the transition of Sis. Barbara N. Cole

The Maxwell and Booker families on the transition of Sis. Laura Mae Maxwell

The Smith family on the passing of Ellen Greene

Submitted by: Sis. Marilyn Brunt, Trustee Marilyn Dorsey, and Sis. Kitty Owens

30 BIBLE VERSES *about* **STRENGTH & COMFORT**

Psalm 46:1-3

1 John 1:9

Philippians 4:13

Deuteronomy 31:6

1 Thessalonians 2:11-12

Psalm 27:12

Psalm 23:4

Psalm 27:1

John 16:22

Exodus 15:2

Philippians 1:6

Psalm 147:3

Psalm 138:3

Matthew 5:4

Isaiah 40:31

Psalm 119:28

Nehemiah 8:10

Deuteronomy 31:8-9

Deuteronomy 20:4

Mark 10:27

Isaiah 41:10

Psalm 23:6

1 Corinthians 10:13

Psalm 37:23-24

Matthew 10:29-31

Isaiah 40:1

Matthew 19:26

Joshua 1:9

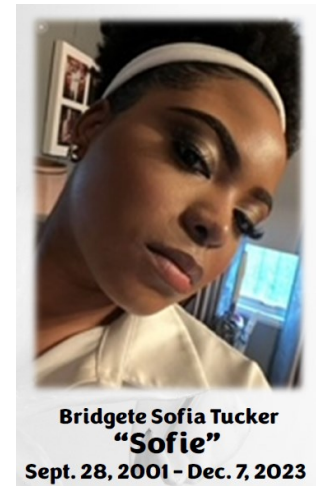
Romans 12:15

Psalm 37:39

Creative Expressions

We Prayed for Sofie

Dear God, I came to you in a very special way,
To ask for your healing mercies for Sofie each and every day.
I asked that you touch her body and restore her health.
Lord, I knew only you could turn her back to her healthy self.
It was your loving touch and holy power that could give her strength for each and every hour.
I asked that you please cast out anything that was harming her well being.
It was your healing touch that she needed to get better and even see.
You guided the hands of the doctors as they tried to make her well.
You gave her the courage to keep on going strong.
It was you Who helped her to hold to your word and remain calm.
You removed the things from her body that shouldn't have been there.
She knew you God, and she knew that you cared.
You kept her filled with the spirit of your gracious power.
Sofie was like an angel and as delicate as a flower.
Oh kind Heavenly Father, you touched her in your name.
You removed all of her sickness and the pain no longer remained.
Lord, Thank you for touching her mind, body, and soul.
You are the only One who could make her whole.
You alone covered Sofie with your powerful grace.
You kept her in your mighty care and loving embrace.
So God, You allowed Sofie to push through;
There were dark moments of hurt and pain, but you let her health be renewed.
We know that you are the Great Physician and there is nothing you can not heal;
Nor is there any kind of sickness You can not reveal.
Lord, we depended on you and your Power from above,
To keep Sofie covered with your healing and AWESOME LOVE!
Thank you Lord, for keeping Sofie in your loving care.



Submitted by Sis. Mae Williams

Creative Expressions

Praying for Our Children

We must continue to pray for our children and help them along.

So many of them are weak and not very strong

We have to try to guide them and show them the right way.

We must tell them boldly what Jesus would say.

God's Word is the most positive, powerful tool;

To show the children just what Jesus would do.

We have to constantly encourage our youth with love and joy.

We must teach them to rely on the Holy Spirit, both girls and boys.

Our emphasis on them understanding sin and that salvation is a must.

The youth need to know that their Faith in God is what to TRUST.

It is not easy to always stand out and away from worldly ways of today.

That is why we must guide them and teach them to pray.

Learning scriptures can help our youth know what God wants them to do.

It can help them to follow the commands and Obey His word too!

Remember, prayer is powerful, and our youth need to be in touch with the Word.

They must know the need for the Saviour and that His Word must be heard.

Submitted by: Sis. Mae Williams



The Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity

To accept the things I cannot change;

Courage to change the things I can;

And wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time;

Enjoying one moment at a time;

Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;

Taking, as He did, this present world

As it is, not as I would have it;

Trusting that He will make things right

If I continually surrender;

So that I may be reasonably happy in this life

And supremely happy with Him

Forever and ever in the next.

Amen.

(prayer attributed to Reinhold Niebuhr, 1892-1971)

Submitted by Sis. Zenobia McLaughlin

Spotlights

FCCBC Contestants on ‘The Price Is Right’



Television’s longest running game show, the “Price Is Right” is back with a studio audience! FCCBC members Bro. Kendrick Winters and Sis. Angela (Angie) Grier traveled to Los Angeles. While there, they participated in the Price Is Right show that was broadcast on October 25, 2023. Bro. Kendrick was a studio audience member. Sis. Angie was called to “come on down” from the studio audience to compete for cash and prizes! It was certainly exciting to see our familiar faces live on-air!

Photos courtesy Trustee Marilyn Dorsey



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Trustee Henry Smith’s granddaughter Sydney Smith , who just became the only member of Owings Mills dance group to become a member of the Baltimore County Honors Dance Ensemble. Sydney was the only dancer from Owings Mills High School this year to become a member of the Honors Dance Ensemble.



Photo courtesy of Trustee Henry Smith



Baby Dedication



Date: 8/6/23

Baby’s Name: Indira Johnson-Jones

Parents: Andre Jones and Adanna Johnson

Grandparents: Bro. Roscoe and Trustee Sharon Johnson

Godmother: Tajah Toran

Godfathers: Phillip Johnson Roscoe A. Johnson

Potpourri/News You Can Use

Helpful Hints

Know where to go for important weather updates

Follow statewide power outages at this link:

<https://mdem.maryland.gov/Pages/Power-Outages-Data.aspx>

Monitor weather watches and warnings at this link:

<https://alerts.weather.gov/cap/md.php?x=2>

Monitor the weather by radar at this link:

<https://radar.weather.gov/>



If at all possible, stay off the roads during times of severe weather. If you must drive, the following links may be helpful in planning for safe driving routes:

<https://chart.maryland.gov/TrafficCameras/GetTrafficCameras> and

<https://chart.maryland.gov/InteractiveMap/GetInteractiveMap>

Submitted by: Trustee Sharon Johnson

Information from: Office of People's Counsel State of Maryland

Play it safe online

Protect your personal information while you're online.

Being online lets you follow the news, connect with friends and family, shop, manage finances, and more. Consider these tips:

- Lock your devices just like you lock your front door. Use a passcode or fingerprint to lock your phone or tablet. If you have a computer, use a strong password that's at least 12 characters long.
- Know the red flags of scams. If someone contacts you and asks you to pay by wire transfer or gift card, be wary. It's probably a scam.
- Share with care. Limit how much personal information you share online. Set your social media profiles to private. If someone asks to connect with you on social media, only accept their request if you know them.

Report scams to ftc.gov/complaint or 1-877-FTC-HELP. Visit staysafeonline.org for more tips.



Potpourri/News You Can Use (continued)

Data Privacy Day

Want to learn how to protect your devices and accounts, recognize online scams, surf the Web safely, and more? On Data Privacy Day, January 28, 2024, you can take the free online safety lesson created by Google's top security experts and nonprofit educational organization Khan Academy protect your mail, it is recommended that you use a secure mail drop such as inside a post office or USPS blue boxes. For more information, visit internet-safety.khanacademy.org.

BGE Restoration of Service

When there is a weather-related electric power outage, some people may have serious illness or life support equipment that needs to be restored as expeditiously as possible. Those affected can inform BGE (Constellation) of the need to prioritize restoration of service annually. They must complete a [Special Needs Form \[PDF\]](#) and [Special Needs Checklist \[PDF\]](#) and must have a physician or certified nurse practitioner submit them. Disabled customers must submit a copy of their state certification of disability. The elderly must submit proof of age and address.

Forms may be faxed to (443) 213-3302, emailed to ActiveCollections@exeloncorp.com, or mailed to: Special Needs Room, 720 P.O. Box 1475, Baltimore, Maryland 21298-9979. Retain a copy for your records. For more information, please visit <https://www.bge.com/MyAccount/CustomerSupport/Pages/SpecialNeedsPrograms.aspx>.

At-Home COVID-19 Tests

Free Tests

Beginning November 20, 2023, every U.S. household can again place an order to receive four more free COVID-19 rapid tests delivered directly to their home. Each order includes four individual rapid antigen COVID-19 tests ([COVIDTests.gov](https://www.cdc.gov/covid-19/testing/) has more details about at-home tests, including extended shelf life and updated expiration dates).

If an order has not been placed for your address since the program reopened on September 25, 2023, you can place two orders to receive a total of eight tests. Orders will ship free. To order your tests, visit <http://special.usps.com/testkits> and complete the form with your contact and shipping information. You may also call the CDC Information line at 1-800-232-0233 to order regular or accessible tests by phone. Tests for people who are blind or who have low vision can be ordered through the Disability Information and Access Line at (888) 677-1199.

Test Expiration Dates Extended

Before you throw out "expired" tests, you should check the FDA's website to see if your COVID-19 tests' expiration dates have been extended. Tests may show "expired" dates on the box, but the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has extended those dates. Please visit <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-covid-19-and-medical-devices/home-otc-covid-19-diagnostic-tests#list> for more information and a searchable list of extended expiration dates.

Very Important Message (submitted by Trustee Henry Smith)



This morning at about 7:00 a.m. I had a small explosion and fire at my home; caused by a cellphone battery. The battery was being charged overnight as always. I had been charging this phone and battery overnight as always. This phone and battery are to be used only in emergencies. I had read some time ago that you shouldn't charge cellphone batteries overnight because they could explode. Now I know this is true.

Find-A-Word puzzle

Fountain of the Virgin

Puzzle Thirty-Eight

The PERMANENT
SOURCE
SUPPLYING
the POOL of
SILOAM is the
FOUNTAIN of the
VIRGIN.
The WATERS
FLOW in an
ABUNDANT
STREAM
THROUGH a
ROCK-
HEWN
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NEARLY
2,000 FEET
LONG. The
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The NAME
COMES from
the LEGEND
THAT IT is the
SPOT where

the Virgin MARY
WASHED the
SWADDLING
CLOTHES of
JESUS
CHRIST.

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Potpourri/News You Can Use (continued)

Daylight Saving Time 2024



Tax Credits

Did you make any energy efficiency improvements to your home last year? You might be able to claim a tax credit through the Inflation Reduction Act worth thousands of dollars. Visit [Inflation Reduction Act \(maryland.gov\)](https://www.maryland.gov) for additional information.

ARE YOU MISSING OUT ON THESE TAX CREDITS?

Did you make any of these upgrades to your home?

- Installed a heat pump
- Solar panels
- Exterior door
- Exterior windows
- Insulation
- Skylight
- Upgraded electrical panel
- And others

OPC
OFFICE OF PEOPLE'S COUNSEL
State of Maryland

Source: Maryland Office of People's Counsel

Protect Your Pipes

TIPS TO PREVENT YOUR PIPES FROM FREEZING

- 1 When the weather is very cold outside, let the cold water drip from the faucet served by exposed pipes. Running water through the pipe – even at a trickle – helps prevent pipes from freezing.
- 2 Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing.
- 3 Remove, drain, and store hoses used outdoors. Close inside valves supplying outdoor hose bibs. Open the outside hose bibs to allow water to drain.
- 4 Add insulation to attics, basements and crawl spaces.
- 5 Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature both during the day and at night.
- 6 Consider installing specific products made to insulate water pipes like a "pipe sleeve" or installing UL-listed "heat tape," "heat cable," or similar materials on exposed water pipes. Even newspaper can provide some degree of insulation.
- 7 Keep garage doors closed if there are water supply lines in the garage.
- 8 If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home, set to a temperature no lower than 55° F.

Source: REDCROSS.ORG

Notices

Installation Service for Officeholders



All current and newly elected officeholders will be installed

Sunday, January 21, 2024

during morning worship service.

Please advise Trustee Dorsey of 2024 ministry officeholders. Thank you.

- ★ Men's Ministry meeting Monday, January 22nd @ 6:00 p.m.

- ★ Media Ministry meeting Monday, January 23rd @ 6:00 p.m.
Community Outreach Center

- ★ Project Planning Team meeting Thursday, January 25th @ 6:00 p.m.
Community Outreach Center

Wedding Anniversary Wishes

Correction—the August newsletter listed incorrect anniversary years for Bro. Leroy and Sis. Elvira (Vera) Smith. The correct years should have been 29 years. We apologize for the oversight.



January

25th—Bro. Michael & Minister Deborah Seay (5 years)

February

12th -Bro. John and Sis. Dorothy Arthur (64 years)
16th - Bro. Roscoe and Trustee Sharon Johnson (33 years)
22nd - Trustee John and Sis. Karen Cole Sanders (32 years)
25th - Bro. James and Deaconess Vurely Johnson (29 years)

March

1st— Bro. Devin & Sis. Ashley Givens (10 years)

April

2nd - Rev. Freddie & Evan. Juliette Samuels (53 years)
11th - Bro. Wesley and Sis. Cheryl McCottry (31 years)

So that we might acknowledge your wedding anniversary, please notify Trustee Marilyn Dorsey, email newsletter@myfccbc.org, or complete and submit a hard copy Member Information sheet (see page 7) to Trustee Dorsey. Members with Google logins can submit their information electronically at an online Member Information sheet at <https://forms.gle/XtKJVzRZGgQVDneT9>.

Thank you!

Blessings and Birthday Wishes To:

Corrections

The following birthdays were inadvertently left off the list. We apologize for the oversight

September 2023

Winifred Berry
Ashley Givens
Michele Houser

November 2023

Esther Spencer
Georgianna Tolliver

January 2024

Bro. DeVaughn Banks
Trus. Everett Cash
Sis. Lysa Davis
Julius Flanigan
Miss Amaya Heaggans
Sis. Lauren Highsmith
Sis. Joyce Jackson
Bro. Rupert Jackson
Sis. Pamela Jennings
Sis. Mary Jones
Bro. Richard Little
Sis. Gwendolyn Lloyd McFadden
Bro. Ronald McKeever
Miss Faith Nichols
Sis. Nancy Pope
Trus. John C. Sanders

January 2024 (continued)

Sis. Kaitlyn A. Sanders
Trustee Robert White
Bro. Anthony Walker
Bro. Kendrick Winters
Bro. Larry Womack

February 2024

Special Honorees:
Deaconess Vurely Johnson
Minister Deborah Seay

Sis. Sybil Adams
Sis. Dorothy Arthur
Trustee Shirley Carter
Sis. Erica Cooper
Trustee Marilyn Dorsey
Bro. Keefe Flanigan
Bro. Robert Gault
Sis. Maya Jones
Sis. Shirley Kenol
Sis. Sadie Knight
Sis. Kemish Norman
Sis. Angela Ray

March 2024

Special Honorees:
Evangelist Gwen McKeever

Bro. Carlton Allen
Miss Autumn Banks
Bro. Michael Bright, Jr.
Sis. Asia Davis
Bro. Alvin Flanigan, IV
Bro. Louis Highsmith
Sis. Cheryl McCottry
Trustee Brenda Sanders
Sis. Mary Vaeth
Bro. Michael Tynee
Sis. Mae Williams

If you don't see your birthday, please notify Trustee Marilyn Dorsey, e-mail newsletter@myfccbc.org, or complete and submit a hard copy or online Member Information Sheet so we can keep our records up-to-date.

Please have your birthday photo taken for birthday month announcements (see below for details). Thank you.

Monthly Free Sweet Treats

(Last Sunday of each Month)

HOSTED BY THE
BIRTHDAY & CULINARY
MINISTRIES

Member and visitor birthday honorees may pick up a sweet treat following morning worship service in the lower auditorium.

Please get your photo taken !

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Rev. Dr. Alphonso Tucker, Pastor

"Birthday Committee Photos"

F.C.C.B.C. MEMBERS

Please get your photo taken
to be used for

"Sundae Sunday Birthday Honorees"

See Keith Jr. after service!

Birthday Photo Board is located
in the lower dining area...



Regularly Scheduled Ministries

	Time	Day
Sunday School	9:30 - 10:30a.m.	Sunday
New Members' Ministry	9:45 - 10:45 a.m.	1 st & 2 nd Sunday
Baptismal Service	9:30 a.m.	Third Sunday
Mid-Day Bible Study	1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	Tuesday
Evening Prayer Service	{Currently Suspended}	First Wednesday of each month
Evening Bible Study	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Wednesday
Choir Rehearsals	7:00 p.m.	Refer to monthly schedule
Men's' Fellowship & Meeting	6:00 - 7 p.m.	4 th Monday
Youth & Young Adult Bible Study	7:00 p.m.	Thursday

Current Times & Days as January /2022 - {Subject to change}

Church Calendar

December 2023 (partial)

- 24 Annual Christmas program 9:30 a.m.
 31 Watch Night Service During a.m. worship service

January 2024

- 9-11 Bible Studies resume
 21 Installation service for officeholders During a.m. worship service
 21 Baptismal Service (if candidates) 9:30 a.m.

February 2024 (Black History month)

- 18 Baptismal Service (if candidates) 9:30 a.m.
 24 Black History Program (please wear African attire)

March 2024

- 7 Quarterly Official Board meeting 7:00 p.m.
 17 Baptismal Service (if candidates) 9:30 a.m.
 17 Official Day Service During morning worship
 24 Palm Sunday
 27 Holy Week prayer service
 28 Maundy Thursday service
 29 Seven Last Words
 31 Resurrection Sunday

April 2024 (partial)

- 21 Baptismal Service (if candidates) 9:30 a.m.

Dates, times, location, and mode of delivery are subject to change. Please check before leaving home. Trustee Dorsey will keep you abreast of changes via robocall. Please make certain we have your preferred phone number by completing and submitting a Member Information Sheet (see page 7) to Trustee Dorsey.

In God's House...

- The congregation shall stand when the choir enters the sanctuary
- The congregation shall stand during the reading of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John)
- All pulpit ministers shall wear white or black robes on Communion Sunday (as appropriate)
- During Communion, no one shall exit or enter the sanctuary
- Blessings of infants are to take place on the first Sunday of the month

Our Known Sick & Shut-In

Mother Lillie Mae Campbell (Home)

Sis. Dené Cole (Home)

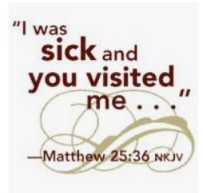
Sis. Perlizer Davis (Home)

Bro. Walter Jones, Jr.

Sis. Sadie Knight

Kennedee Pelzer (Home)

Sis. Nancy Pope (Home)



Please remember the Sick and Shut-In everywhere in your prayers.

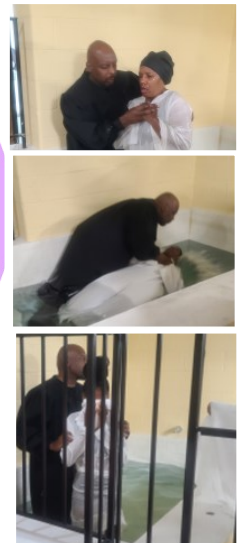
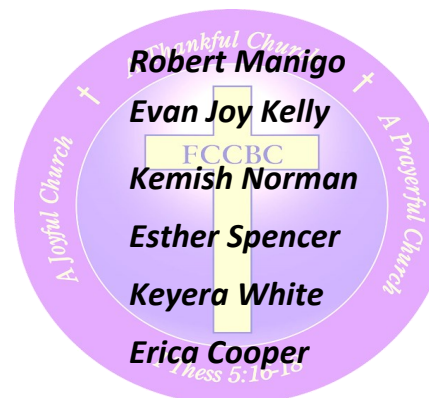
Any act of kindness can make a big difference in their lives.

Prayer List

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| Sis. Amy Arthur | Bro. John Arthur |
| Sis. Donna Bright | Bro. Ronnie Cole |
| Rev. Debbie Ervin | Sis. La-Kia Kommeren |
| Evan. Juliette Samuels | Sis. Karen Cole Sanders |
| Sis. Mae Williams | |

Please alert the Officials of illness, changes to the Sick and Shut-In or Prayer lists, or deaths. Thank you.

Welcome to our New/Reinstated Members



Baptismal photos courtesy of Sis. Nina Hooks

FCCBC WISHES EVERYONE A

HAPPY
New Year

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS; AND AGAIN I SAY, REJOICE.

PHIL 4:4

December 2023

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